

A Wintery Saturday in Israel - The Blooming of the Cyclamen Flower – The Beith Guvrin Caves



Today was one of those winter days in Israel when the rain filled clouds



and the sun were in constant struggle to dominate the skies.



On the whole the clouds and the on again off again rain (more like a drizzle) won out. This time is also the season when the wild flowers which decorate the Israeli landscape, especially the violet Cyclamen (Rakefet in Hebrew),



the crimson poppies and the pale pink flowers of the Almond trees. It is a wonderful tradition in Israel, especially with the holiday of Tu Bishvat around the corner, for young and old, friends and families to go out to the forests to watch the beautiful wild flowers in bloom.



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s0sy-KhQUls>

That was what we did since we were children growing up in Israel and that is exactly what we and our best Israeli friends did today. The weather cut short our plans to walk the 2.5 Kilometer trail but enough for us to walk up the side of a hill carpeted with the Cyclamen flowers.

With time on our side we drove a short distance to tour the Caves of Beith Guvrin.



(This photo was taken in one of the caves but how come there is a skier (can you see him?) in the middle of the photo and a prophet pointing his hand towards his deciples in the left corner (am I dreaming or what?) - Bizzare

How do you describe, other than in pictures, a wonderful day in nature in the company of best friends.



So here are some of the picture and of course a link to more pictures on KodakGallery (yes the Kodak that just went belly up after tens of years of domination of the photography market “thanks” to the Internet and digital photography)

<http://bit.ly/zk4yFn>



Have a good week and see you soon

